

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 55, line 7, with the following replacement paragraph:

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The address reprogramming and activation code parsing DLL 57 parses and validates service plan activation codes received over the wireless broadcast network or entered by the user and address reprogramming messages received over the network. Activation codes and address reprogramming messages control what broadcast network messages the user is allowed to receive. The code parsing DLL is used by the communications server 38, remote control 54 (**FIG. 11**) and user preferences DLL 53.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 58, line 27, with the following replacement paragraph:

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[[**FIG. 11**]] **FIG. 12** is a flow chart of an algorithm for extracting and processing the Internet source URL for messages broadcast over the wireless communication network illustrated in FIG. 1. In accordance with the present invention, the Internet source for a news item alert is broadcast as part of the alert message itself (step 260). The message contains a number of tags delineating the various parts of the message. In the preferred embodiment, tags "S=" and "U=" identify the Internet source where detailed information about the news alert may be found. For those messages which always originate from the same list of default sources, the "S" tag only applies (step 264). Following the "S=" tag is a letter code corresponding to the Internet URL. For example, the letter code for an alert from the Reuters News Service is "W". The actual URL, <http://www.reuters.com>, is obtained by using the letter code as an index into the alert source database of the present invention (step 266). URL's in the alert source database may

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be updated by Star Feed messages in case changes in the default URL's are necessary (step 268). For messages whose sources are not limited to a default set, the "U" tag conveys the Internet source (step 272). Following the "U=" tag is the actual URL source of the message (e.g. U=http://www.universalnews.com). Wireless throughput is conserved by transmitting the full URL only in those cases where the source is not restricted to being a member of a fixed set. The source URL is displayed at the end of the alert message text (step 270). A user with a wired or wireless connection to the Internet can go directly to the alert source simply by clicking the URL (step 270). A connection to the alert source on the Internet is thus provided.

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